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DEFINITIONS

- 1. American Forces Information Service (AFIS). The Department of Defense-level organization responsible for administering the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service.
- 2. Armed Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS). A worldwide radio and television broadcasting organization that consists of: a. A headquarters element within the American Forces Information Service (AFIS), b. The AFRTS centralized management elements within the Military Departments, c. The AFRTS outlets and activities around the world, and d. The AFRTS Broadcast Center in Los Angeles, CA.
- 3. <u>AFRTS Broadcast Center</u>. A field activity of the AFIS located in Los Angeles, CA, that provides information and entertainment programming to AFRTS outlets.
- 4. AFRTS Mini-TV. A self-contained videotape playback system used in remote or isolated areas not accessible to an AFRTS television signal.
- 5. AFRTS Network. Two or more AFRTS outlets, authorized by the Director, AFIS, to disseminate programming through interconnecting broadcast quality transmission circuits. A network's outlets ordinarily "feed" a wide geographic area through transmitters, repeaters, cable, audio distribution or carrier current systems.
- 6. <u>AFRTS Satellite Network (SATNET)</u>. The world-wide satellite distribution system that provides news, sports, information and time-sensitive entertainment programming to AFRTS outlets overseas.
- 7. AFRTS Outlets. Any facility authorized by the Director, AFIS, in accordance with established policy, to disseminate radio and/or television programming. An outlet includes AFRTS radio and television stations and networks, relay sites, transmitters, translators, Navy ships using AFRTS program materials, Mini-TV sites, and any other AFRTS broadcasting facility.
- 8. <u>Censorship</u>. The intentional withholding or editing of news, information, and entertainment programming, when such action is not supported by legitimate host-country sensitivities or by broadcast restrictions imposed by program owners.
- 9. <u>Country Team</u>.. A council usually comprised of the senior members of the Embassy staff and other U.S. Government Agencies in a particular country. Actual make-up of the country team is determined by the Ambassador or senior Foreign Service officer in that country.
- 10. Host-Country Sensitivities. Topics that are restricted from broadcast on an AFRTS outlet when determined by the U.S. Embassy or U.S. Country Team, normally in writing, to be sensitive to the host-country concerned.